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| Office Action Summary | Application No. 10/568,235 | Applicant(s) GEIGER, TERRANCE L. | |
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-19 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Application, Amendments and/or Claims

Claims 1-19 are pending in the instant application.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1-10 and 12-19, in the reply filed on 12/7/07 is acknowledged. Applicants do not indicate whether the election is with or without traverse; however, because Applicants did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 11 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Elections of Species

Applicant's response (received 12/7/07) to the two elections of species required in the 11/9/07 Office Action is acknowledged.

However, the previous elections of species were inadvertently set forth such that in combination the elections could read upon multiple species of chimeric receptors. For example, Applicants elected SEQ ID NO: 8 (SRRNRLL) which is a murine sequence as the species of "dileucine motif sequence" but elected human CD28 as the species of CD28 protein. Thus, Applicants' elections read upon both human and murine species in the claims.

Therefore, on further consideration the two elections of species required previously are withdrawn (thus rendering Applicant's elections moot), and a new election of species requirement is set forth herein.

A single election of species is required as follows.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of "dileucine motif sequence" that is the basis for disruption in either the

"modified chimeric receptor" or the "CD28 protein or portion thereof", and the corresponding protein from which the sequence is derived.

- (1) SEQ ID NO: 8 (SRRNRLL) derived from human CD28 protein;
- (2) SEQ ID NO: 9 (SKRSRLL) derived from murine CD28 protein;
- (3) SEQ ID NO: 10 (RRTPSLL) derived from GLUT4 protein;
- (4) SEQ ID NO: 11 (PRGSRLL) derived from IRAP protein; and
- (5) SEQ ID NO: 12 (SERRNLL) derived from VAMP4 protein;

The species are independent or distinct because claims to the different species recite the mutually exclusive characteristics of such species. In addition, these species are not obvious variants of each other based on the current record.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1, 6-10, 17 and 18 are generic to each species; claim 2 encompasses each species as part of Markush-type group; claims 3, 12 and 19 encompass species 1 and 2; claims 4, 15 and 16 are directed to species 1; and claims 5, 13, and 14 are directed to species 2.

It is noted that the following sequences each represent a subgenus of dileucine motifs and may encompass one or more the above noted species: SEQ ID NO: 1 (DXLL); SEQ ID NO: 2 (DXXXLL); SEQ ID NO: 3 (EXXXLL); SEQ ID NO: 4 (DXXXLI); SEQ ID NO: 5 (EXXXLI); SEQ ID NO: 6 (RXXLL); SEQ ID NO: 7 (TXXLL); SEQ ID NO: 13 (RXXXLL); and SEQ ID NO: 14 (RXXXLI). Each subgenus will be examined in so far as it reads upon the elected species of protein comprising a "dileucine motif sequence".

There is an examination and search burden for these patentably distinct species due to their mutually exclusive characteristics. The species require a different field of search (e.g., searching different classes/subclasses or electronic resources, or employing different search queries); and/or the prior art applicable to one species would not likely be applicable to another species; and/or the species are likely to raise different non-prior art issues under 35 U.S.C. 101 and/or 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) **and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected species**, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

The election of the species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the election of species requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse. Traversal must be presented at the time of election in order to be considered timely. Failure to timely traverse the requirement will result in the loss of right to petition under 37 CFR 1.144. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which of these claims are readable on the elected species.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the species unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other species.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachary C. Howard whose telephone number is 571-272-2877. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary B. Nickol can be reached on 571-272-0835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Art Unit: 1646

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